

CITY REVIEW



GREENALLS

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION THREE
BOLTON WANDERERS

SATURDAY, 31st MARCH, 1990
KICK-OFF 3.00 p.m.

WELCOME

Today we welcome Bolton Wanderers to The Stadium and extend a warm welcome to their players, officials and supporters.

Games against Bolton are always entertaining affairs, and I am sure that today's game will be no exception, with both of our clubs needing maximum points, although unfortunately for different reasons. Bolton have now failed to score in their last four games and suffered a home defeat at the hands of Brentford last Saturday which saw them lose some ground in the promotion race, obviously they will be looking to return to winning ways today.



Gary Bennett teams up with his striking partner Carl Dale once again.

We also need maximum points from today's game to keep ourselves away from the relegation zone. After Carl Dale's late winner against Cardiff City in our last home game we went to Birmingham last Saturday and gained a very creditable draw, in fact with a little more luck we could have taken maximum points.

After today's game we face Bristol Rovers at Twerton Park next Saturday for what is obviously another hard game. However, if we continue to show the same team spirit as in previous games I am sure we will hang on to our Third Division status. You will obviously have read in the local papers that one of Sealand Road's most favourite players has returned to the fold. I refer of course to Gary Bennett who has just signed for us from Southend United and hopefully takes his place in today's line-up.

Please give your support to the lads once again today — it is very much appreciated.

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NEWS ON 3

With the transfer deadline having come and gone much of this week's news concerns players who either arrived or left in the Division or indeed switched between clubs. First off, however, Blackpool have lost both their Chairman and Assistant Manager. Chairman Ken Chadwick has resigned and also quit as Director after almost ten years with the club, he said he could no longer devote enough time to The Seasiders. Assistant boss Mick Jones meanwhile has resigned to join Notts County as chief coach, this his third spell in various capacities at Meadow Lane. Another club to have parted company with an official is Walsall, manager John Barnwell has been sacked after 13 games without a win. John took charge just over a year ago but became the twenty fifth League boss to lose his job this season. The Saddlers' Chairman Barry Blower commented, "it is a tragedy that the club has had to dispose of two managers in the past 15 months for poor results"! Fulham manager Ray Lewington was in the wars when he was involved in a car accident which left him with back and rib injuries but fortunately nothing too serious, while a couple of players have also had problems. Reading's Trevor Senior may miss the rest of the season as he faces up to a third operation on his throat. Trevor was elbowed in the windpipe which caused one cartilage behind the vocal chords to smash and another to be damaged. He's been told his voice may never fully recover. Birmingham's Phil Sproson is also out for the season after having a second cartilage operation. Cardiff have problems of a different sort — their Ninian Park ground has been threatened with closure because of debts of £19,000 owing to South Wales Police who have demanded urgent talks with the club. No such problems for Brentford who have just announced a profit of £134,681 for the year ended 31st May 1989, their third successive year in the black!

And so to transfer activity and the moves that did or did not take place. It seems that money must have been burning a hole in the pockets of Notts County lately as they continued their recent spending spree. Thwarted in an attempt to secure Newcastle striker Gary Brazil for £150,000, The Magpies instead paid

Northampton £175,000 for midfielder Dean Thomas but then sold striker Paul Barnes to Stoke for £30,000 and loaned John Chiedozie to Chesterfield. Barnes had been transfer listed because of persistent local comment about his artificial knee ligament — that's a new one! Bristol City are never far away when money is changing hands, Joe Jordan failed persuade Portsmouth's Terry Connor to make the £175,000 move to Ashton Gate so instead signed Hearts' Scottish under 21 striker Iain Ferguson on loan and paid Stoke and Huddersfield £30,000 apiece for Nick Morgan and Junior Bent respectively. Shrewsbury paid Aston Villa £75,000 for striker Dean Spink who had recently been on loan to Bury whilst Northampton paid Walsall £50,000 for winger Adrian Thorpe after failing to persuade Notts County striker Phil Stant to join them. Bristol Rovers parted with £20,000 for Chesterfield utility player Bob Bloomer.

The biggest outgoing move saw Crewe defender Paul Edwards join Coventry for £35,000 giving them a cool £34,800 profit on a player they signed just two years ago from Altrincham. The remaining moves were all loan deals as follows: Shrewsbury signed Mark Blake the Southampton defender; Mansfield signed Notts Forest midfielder Martin Clark whilst two other Forest players, striker Neil Lyne and defender Stuart Cash joined Walsall and Rotherham respectively. Walsall took Port Vale's Gary Ford and allowed John Kelly to join Huddersfield who in turn failed to sign Burnley's Brendan O'Connell. Bolton signed former England man John Gregory and allowed Kevin Rose and Nick Brookman to join Carlisle and Stockport respectively. Final loan deals saw Brentford take 19 year-old goalkeeper Colin Scott from Rangers and defender Sear Sparham from Millwall whilst Andy Ansah moved to Southend and Richard Cadette to Bournemouth. Northampton signed Charlton striker Carl Leaburn and Bristol Rovers took Hull keeper Gavin Kelly whilst Wigan and Blackpool have borrowed youngsters Ian Baraclough and Phil Jones from Leicester and Everton respectively.

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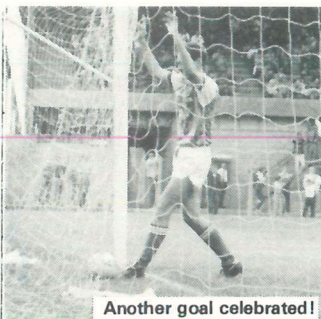
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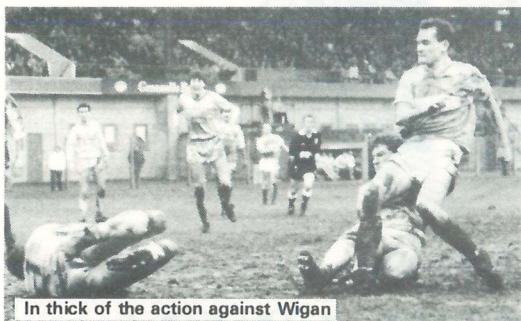
Today Gary Bennett makes a welcome return to the Stadium after signing from Southend United last week. Below we take a look at Gary in action during his previous spell at Sealand Road.



An acrobatic header



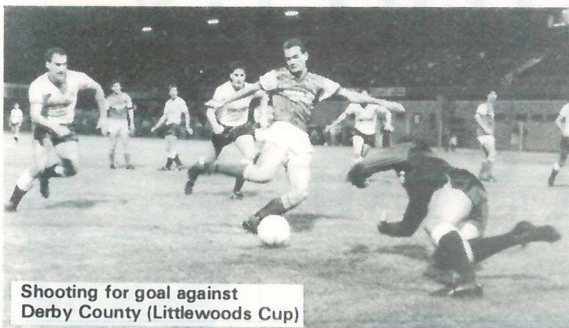
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2. The London Marathon is run for the first time, Bill Rogers wins the British Open Golf Championship and John McEnroe ends Bjorn Borg's run of success at Wimbledon.

SPOT THE LINK

What have the following in common: Wolves, Rangers, West Ham, Dundee United and Birmingham?

MISSING LINKS

Fill in the two missing names from the victorious Coventry team that won the 1987 F.A. Cup Final.

Ogrizovic, Phillips, , McGrath, Kilcline, Peake, Bennett, Gynn, , Houchen and Pickering.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL

1. Whom did Jack Charlton succeed as boss of the Republic of Ireland?
2. Who was the Manchester United player who scored for England in three consecutive matches against Scotland from 1978 to 1980?
3. Which country ended Northern Ireland's gallant 1982 World Cup run by beating them 4-1 in Madrid?
4. Against which European country did Scotland gain their only victory in the 1978 World Cup Finals?
5. In the 1978 World Cup, which country's goalkeeper was booked for fouling a Polish player in the Polish half of the field?

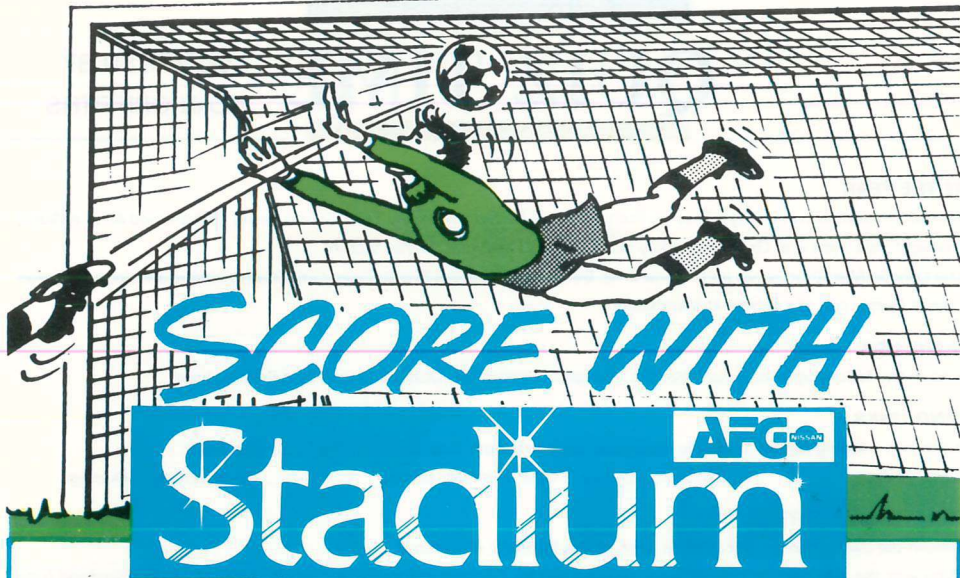
GENERAL FOOTBALL

1. Who is the Manager of Cambridge?
2. Peter Shilton has played in just one F.A. Cup Final – for which team?
3. Which Fourth Division club's ground has the same name as an Australian City?
4. Which player appeared in both the 1984 Watford v. Everton F.A. Cup Final and the 1985 Scottish F.A. Cup Final?
5. From which former League club did Wolves sign Andy Mutch?
6. Who was Manager of Aston Villa when they won the European Cup in 1982?
7. Which Third Division side knocked Tottenham Hotspur out of the F.A. Cup in 1988?
8. Which Club's record League victory of all time was achieved on 7th November, 1987 in the Second Division?
9. Who was last season's P.F.A. Young Player of the Year?
10. Name the two towns in Kent where Football League soccer is played.

GENERAL SPORT

1. Name the England fast-bowler who flew home from the West Indies at the start of February suffering from back trouble.
2. Name the English sprinters who finished in Gold, Silver and Bronze positions in the 200 metres at this year's Commonwealth Games.
3. Which horse did Lester Piggot ride to victory in the 1984 St. Leger?
4. In tennis, what is the women's equivalent to the Men's Davis Cup?
5. Which Rugby League team are nicknamed the Glassblowers?
6. Name the leading British player in last year's British Open Golf Championship.
7. With which sport do you associate Richard Dodds?
8. Who won last year's Tour de France?
9. Against which boxer did Pat Cowdell lose a World Title fight in the first round in 1985?
10. How many feet wide is a squash court?

ANSWERS ON STATS PAGE 2



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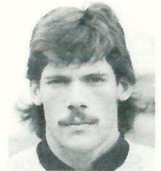
• CITY SIGNINGS

The arrival of Gary Bennett back at The Stadium made all the headlines just before the transfer deadline but he wasn't the only player to sign on the books. Goalkeeper **AIDAN DAVISON** was signed on loan from Bury as cover for Billy Stewart. Aidan was born in Sedgefield and at 6ft. 1in. is ideally built for the position. He was playing non-league soccer with Billingham Synthonia when Notts County signed him in season 1987-88. He played his one and only League game for County last April in the 3-0 defeat at Preston and then this season had a loan spell with Leyton Orient before moving to Bury for £6,000 a couple of months ago. Three strikers have also signed on. **TONY LEE** was born on the Wirral 20 years ago but served his apprenticeship with Wrexham before signing a professional contract last season. The closest he came to a League appearance was when he was a substitute for the game at Carlisle last May, though earlier this season he made a fleeting appearance in a Leyland-DAF tie. **CHRIS DAVIES** and **ADRIAN JONES** have both appeared in our reserve side recently. Chris is 24 years old and currently plays with Mold Alex. for whom he's scored more than 30 goals this season to add to his 25 last term. He's previously played for both Flint Town and Connahs Quay. Adrian's story is well known, he broke a leg playing for Mid-Wales' side Newtown on the eve of a move to Sealand Road. Harry McNally stood by him but then incredibly he again suffered the same fate when playing in a trial match after his recovery. Finally, **DEREK NASARI** made his first team debut as a substitute at Bury recently. Derek has been with us on Y.T.S. for the past couple of years and has appeared regularly in the reserves during that time.

Welcome to all the above players, including you Gary!

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AIDAN DAVISON –
on loan from
Bury.

• TODAY'S REFEREE

Today's referee is Mr. Robert Alan Hart from Darlington, County Durham. Married with two children, he is self-employed and commenced refereeing in 1971 in the Auckland and District League and progressed to the Northern League, being appointed to the Football League linesmen's list in 1977 and the Panel League in 1984, joining the Referees' list in 1986.

Refereed Durham Challenge Cup in 1977 and Northern League Cup in 1983. Was a linesman in 1986 F.A. Cup Final and European Cup Winners Cup in 1986. Hobbies include squash, cricket and most sports.

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• TODAY'S MASCOT

Today's Mascot is Miss Sian Moules from Mold. Sian is aged eleven and attends Maes Garmon School, Mold. Hobbies include running and football. Her favourite player is Graham Abel.

TODAY'S OTHER GAMES

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BRISTOL C.	v.	MANSFIELD TOWN
BURY	v.	FULHAM
CARDIFF CITY	v.	BLACKPOOL
HUDDERSFIELD T.	v.	BIRMINGHAM C.
NORTHAMPTON T.	v.	BRISTOL ROVERS
PRESTON N.E.	v.	NOTTS COUNTY
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MEDIA TALK

Some weeks it's difficult to find enough media coverage to fill a column, this week we could have filled the programme with the news that's been reported concerning the affairs of Chester City F.C.

There has been the return of Gary Bennett which was covered in all of the local papers and by all of the radio stations. The Daily Post's headline "Psycho II — The Sequel" was unfortunate but there was no hiding Gary's delight on his return "It's great to be back" I was the headline in the Chester Chronicle and that says it all. When I spoke to Gary at Southend at the end of last season he seemed to be really down but Gary freely admitted on his return he, "should not have run away", but added, "I am now a stronger person for the experience" Chester Chronicle. The Evening Leader headline "Late bid for Croft" left no-one in any doubt about what they would read next. City had received a "substantial five figure sum offer from one of the Third Division's bigger clubs". The Tonight started a few people talking with their headline "McNally ready to quit City Hotseat". Billed as an exclusive the article suggested that Harry could be moving into a General Manager type role with Graham Barrow taking charge of team affairs. It seems that the article was too exclusive however, for the following night the Evening Leader carried the story "Harry Stays at the Helm".

The biggest story however concerns the club's future. At a special press conference it was revealed that the Stadium had been sold to a property developer in a multi-million pound deal. Quite naturally this story has again been widely reported as has the reaction notably from the supporters. Coupled with the news of the sale was the announcement that a ground sharing deal with another club is very close. A few days later it was revealed that Maine Road, Manchester was the venue in question and speaking on Marcher Sound the Chairman felt that such a move would be "a tremendous experience for the club and players". Back to the sale and the Managing Director of Morrisson Developments, the developer in question explained, "this deal will enable the club to secure a soccer future for Chester City F.C. We will be looking at a long term sponsorship agreement and an involvement with Chester City F.C."

The Mayor of Chester, Councillor John Price was "absolutely delighted. There has been a great deal of concern in the city about this and the City Council will be working very hard to ensure everything is made available to the club" (Chester and District Standard).

The Daily Post seems to have a little carried away with their suggestion that the club can build a "£50 million super stadium" but it seems that many fans are sceptical about the whole deal and so I suspect there's more mileage in the story still to come.

VIEW FROM THE TERRACES

... the Stand actually!

"Hello Albert", "Mr Angry" and all that.

After hearing about the plans for Chester City F.C. to get its own 'Fanzine', I awaited its arrival with great interest.

Firstly I have to say that I'm not a great lover of this kind of publication, I put them in the same kind of category as the U12 magazine, which I know is successful, but I'm afraid is just not my cup of tea. The impression I get, is that these kind of things are put together by 'alternative type' writers who set out to write as many naughty and daring things that they can legally get away with and then hide behind a pseudonym. So when I eventually got hold of a copy of 'Hello Albert' my first reactions were very mixed. I found some parts of it interesting, some parts funny, one particular piece brilliant, some in poor taste and of course in the case of an article criticising a column of mine, inaccurate.

Because of this article, I expect to feature again, so I will say now, "No, I haven't missed the point, I know full well that some of the magazine is meant to be read with one's tongue firmly placed in one's cheek! But the most irritating thing I find about the paper is apart from Colin Mansley and Richard Cranium (if that's his real name), why are the rest of the writers so reluctant to put their names to their work?

I liked the cover picture and found the first two pages interesting. Page four has an article about refreshments (or lack of them) at our football grounds which I found very true. The rest of page four and five is taken up with an article about one of City's "Duff Signings of the Past". This I found very funny.

Page six finds another funny article and diagram about the apparel required to watch your favourite team in wet weather. Page seven has an article about the possibility that City could, or should have been Champions in 1986, you'll have to obtain a copy to work that one out, it's too complicated to relate here!

Page eight and nine is taken over by cartoon strips. The one on page eight is just not funny, and events have since eclipsed the point of 'The Joke?' with the selling of Aidan Newhouse to Wimbledon. One up for Harry there, I'm afraid Mr Cranium! The cartoons on page nine I found funny, but I'm not sure whether Mr McNally would agree with that! Page ten is brilliant, very cleverly written indeed.

Part of page 11 and all of 12 and 13 is (I hope!) a good natured laugh at Barry Butler's expense. I don't know quite what to make of the Stan Pearson quotes on page 14, it's just unfortunate that Stan is no longer with us to answer back.

No, "Mr. Angry" I haven't forgotten you! Apart from yet another dig in the form of a strip cartoon (on page 11) at Barry Butler, there is a column by a "Mr. Angry" who seems to have missed the point about an occasional column I do in the match programme in the guise of a character called "Gerry Atrick". He seems to have taken it very seriously indeed.

I don't intend to swap insults with this "Mr. Angry" apart to correct him on one or two points.

Firstly, the character first appeared in the Chester City v. Runcorn F.A. Cup match programme of 14th November 1987 not 1988, and that was clearly entitled C.C.W. I don't think that there are many supporters at Chester who don't know that I write the "Gerry Atrick" column, I have never concealed the fact. The only reason I have continued to write it, is because I have been asked to by numerous supporters, I would have been happy to "bury" him years ago!

"Mr. Angry" does not obviously find it very funny, well, O.K. let him submit a column in place of it. We have asked on numerous occasions for contributions for the programme and have met with very little response. He also reveals that I am the author of "View from The Terraces", and that actually I sit in the stand! What a revelation! The column was named as such because we hoped that we would get some "Views From The Terraces". Again, how about you, "Mr. Angry"? Come on, reveal yourself, if you know where I sit in the stand, what are you afraid of?

My final thought on "Hello Albert" is, how much of the 50 pence cover price goes to help the football club or its supporters?

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IN THIS WEEK

This weeks effort is one to be avoided by Chester fans of a weak disposition – on this day in the past we have played 11 games and failed to record a single victory! Here are the gory details . . .

1934: Our trip to Rochdale unfortunately sets the scene but also tells the tale of two of the craziest days in Chester's history. Just a day earlier we'd travelled to Crewe and won 5-3, this after a 4-2 home win against Tranmere a week earlier. The game at Spotland was a disaster however and ended in a 6-0 defeat – this against a team that we'd beaten 7-1 at home and who, eventually, finished bottom of the League and conceded 103 goals in the process! In the world at large, potato traders were becoming a slump in the market, caused by a slimming craze among women. Golden Miller had won the Grand National and driving tests had been introduced into Britain. There was even a provision in the Road Traffic Bill whereby pedestrians could be penalised for walking dangerously! Pedestrian crossings were also to be introduced into London on an experimental basis.

1951: Inconsistency was our problem 39 years ago, but we were looking to stop high-flying Tranmer from recording the double over us when they visited Sealand Road. Unfortunately, that plan didn't succeed and Rovers won 3-1 with Kirkpatrick scoring our consolation goal. In America, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg had been found guilty of espionage in the country's first atomic bomb spy trial – they were accused of passing atomic secrets to Russia. "The Third Man" had won an Oscar for best black and white photography, whilst Cambridge had won the Boat Race by 12 lengths, at the second attempt – the first race ended when Oxford sank!

1956: Another five years on and another two games in two days for Easter. Both games were at home and both against Yorkshire opposition – Halifax were beaten 1-0 but on 31st March we were held to a 2-2 draw by York, Collins and Brandon were our scorers. In London, Harold MacMillan revealed that Britain had a balance of payments deficit in 1955 of £103 million. ESB had won the Grand National after the Queen Mother's Devon Loch had fallen, whilst Albert Finney and Richard Briers were just "promising students" at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts. The pop charts were with us by now and Kay Starr, an American vocalist, was enjoying her second Number One hit "Rock and Roll Waltz", a record which stayed on the charts for 20 weeks.

1961: Things weren't going too well in season 1960-61 and – at this time of the season in particular – we'd had a spell of six games which had produced five defeats and a goalless draw! Like ourselves, Carlisle were struggling at the wrong end of Division Four but our journey north merely produced defeat number six, 3-1, the score! The Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-on-Avon had become The Royal Shakespeare Theatre, Denis Howell had won the Small Heath by-election for Labour and Nicolaus Silver had won the Grand National (and I remember it, what an admission!). Elvis Presley was top of the pops with "Wooden Heart".

1962: Things were no better earlier in the month, we had beaten Chesterfield to record our first win in 27 games! A trip to Field Mill to take on Mansfield is one we've never really looked forward to and it was no exception on this occasion as we went down to a 3-0 defeat. Most of the news was being made for all the wrong reasons – an armed insurrection in Algeria, a military coup in Syria and the same in Argentina. In U.S.A., Edward Kennedy admitted using a proxy to sit an exam at Harvard whilst, back over here, the Grand National winner was the 12-year-old Kilmore. Elvis had just been toppled from Number One ("Can't Help Falling in Love") and had been replaced by The Shadows "Wonderful Land".

1972: Ten years had elapsed but our fortunes weren't a great deal better. A Good Friday trip down to promotion challenging Brentford wasn't the best of ways to end a run of 11 away games which had brought 10 defeats and a goalless draw. In the event, our 1-1 result was tremendous, Graham Clapham scored the goal which silenced a large crowd but we were still looking for our first away win of the season! Ted Heath had imposed direct rule on Ulster – 100,000 Protestants protested against that in Belfast. The Vietnamese War was raging as was a revolt in El Salvador. The Transport Workers' Union was fined for breaking the new Industrial Relations Act and Nilsson was Number One with "Without You" – his only Number One in this country.

1973: Torquay were in the lower reaches of the division, we'd won 2-1 at Plainmoor earlier in the season and we were fresh from a 3-0 home win against Northampton – a home win looked on the cards but the visitors came out on top with a 2-1 win, despite a goal from Dave Kennedy. Our crowd for the game 1,268! British playwright Sir Noel Coward had died at the age of 73 whilst, in Los Angeles, Marlon Brando rejected his Oscar as a protest at Hollywood's degradation of American Indians. Red Rum won the Grand National in a record time of 9 mins. 1.9 secs. and Donny Osmond had reached the top spot in the charts with "The Twelfth of Never".

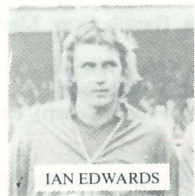
1975: Our promotion bid had stumbled somewhat following two successive draws, including a goalless one at home to strugglers Workington. Torquay again featured as our opponents on this day but a morning kick-off at Plainmoor meant we'd set out halfway through the night before. I seem to remember eating bacon cooked on a camping stove outside the ground at 7.00 a.m. and then playing football for a couple of hours – our game was probably better than the real thing as Torquay ran out 3-0 winners! The Arab world had been thrown into chaos following the assassination of King Faisal whilst in Australia, John Stonehouse had been arrested on an extradition warrant. In this country electricity prices had risen by a record 33 per cent. The Music Charts weren't showing any signs of improvement. "Bye Bye Baby" by the Bay City Rollers was now Number One – it was their first Number One.

1979: Just three days earlier we'd beaten Chesterfield 3-0 here at Sealand Road to end a run of four successive defeats but the Spireites neighbours, Mansfield, were in meaner mood when they came calling. Ian Edwards netted again for us but we had to settle for a 1-1 draw. Just one day earlier, Airey Neave had been killed by a terrorist bomb, whilst a day before that, Idi Amin had finally fled from Uganda. In this country, Callaghan had just called a General Election for 3rd May, whilst David Alton had just won the Edge Hill by-election with a 32 per cent swing from Labour. Gloria Gaynor was top of the pops with "I Will Survive".

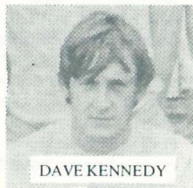
1982: A run of four successive defeats, three of them at home, in which we'd failed to score, was ended when Wimbledon visited The Stadium. That was an achievement in itself, but both sides were struggling at the bottom of Division Three and the crowd of 1,359 had very little else to cheer. Gary Simpson scored for us and Francis Joseph replied, Dave Beasant was in goal for the visitors. The British Nuclear Submarine Spartan was heading for the Falkland Islands as tension mounted over the illegal landing of Argentinian scrap metal dealers. The first test tube twins had been born in Cambridge, whilst "Chariots of Fire" had been voted best film at the Oscar Awards. The superbly named Goombay Dance Band had taken the charts by storm with their first and only real hit "Seven Tears".

1986: And, finally, another home draw, this time against Cambridge. Although we were in second place in the League and getting ready for the final run-in, only 2,893 spectators turned out for the game. Peter Houghton broke the deadlock two minutes into the second half but the struggling visitors equalised on the hour. In London, the world's first test tube quins saw the first light of day, but a fire at Hampton Court Palace claimed one life. Another who departed this world was actor James Cagney, who died at the age of 86. The record sitting on the top of the pile was "Living Doll" – this time being performed by Cliff Richard and The Young Ones.

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TODAY'S VISITORS



Back Row – left to right: Dean Crombie, Mark Came, Dave Felgate, Kevin Rose, Gareth Gray, Mark Winstanley, Barry Cowdrill.

Middle Row: Steve Carroll (Youth Coach), Gary Brown, Phil Brown, Julian Darby, David Reeves, Tony Philliskirk, Steve Thompson, Stuart Storer, Gary Henshaw, Mike Jeffrey, Ewan Simpson (physio).

Front Row: Ian Stevens, Neil Fisher, Paul Hughes, Nicky Brookman, Mick Brown (First Team Coach), Phil Neal (Manager), Dave Roberts, Jeff Chandler, Robbie Savage, Nicky Spooner.

Just over twelve months ago Bolton's former Chairman tried to gain support from the rest of the Board to dismiss Manager Phil Neal — Neal stayed and since then Bolton have not looked back! The team went from 4th March until the end of the season unbeaten, a run of 20 games which culminated in Sherpa Van success at Wembley and that success has carried over into a promotion challenge this term. Wanderers away form this season has been impressive with six wins, six draws and just five defeats in the League. The victories have come at Cardiff (2-0), Brentford (2-1), Preston (4-1), Tranmere (3-1), Northampton (2-0) and Mansfield (1-0). Games have finished level at Huddersfield (1-1), Crewe (2-2), Bristol City (1-1), Shrewsbury (3-3), Fulham (2-2) and Bristol Rovers (1-1). Defeats have been suffered at Rotherham (0-1), Notts County (1-2), Birmingham (0-1), Reading (0-2) and in their last away match, at Wigan (0-2). The various Cup competitions have brought draws at Watford and Swindon and defeats at Blackpool, Swindon, Wigan and Tranmere.

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PHIL NEAL has been in charge at Burnden Park since December 1985 and has come in for more than his fair share of criticism from the fans during that time. Success is nothing new to him however having won virtually every honour in the game during his days as a player at Liverpool where he was a permanent fixture in the side for nine of his twelve seasons with the club. Still theoretically a player/manager Phil made eight appearances for Bolton last season but has restricted the temptation to pull on his boots so far this term!

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DAVID FELGATE has been an ever-present in goal for the past two seasons but now has serious competition for his place in the shape of **KEVIN ROSE**. David began his career as an apprentice with Bolton but played his early League football during loan spells with Crewe and Rochdale. He then moved on to Lincoln and played 198 League games before arriving back at Burnden Park three years ago via Cardiff and Grimsby. David is just a handful of games away from 450 in the League. Kevin also features Lincoln amongst his former employers but he failed to make an appearance for them before rejoining non-league Ledbury Town. Hereford then gave him a chance and he played in 268 League games (254 of them consecutively) before joining Bolton in the summer — he's played six games this term. Youngster **GARETH GRAY** is in his second season with the club since signing from Darwen but he's still waiting for his chance.

BOLTON WANDERERS



Defender **DEAN CROMBIE** maintains the Lincoln connection, he made his Football League debut for the Red Imps back in 1976 and played 33 games for them before moving on to appear in 320 for Grimsby. Dean joined Bolton in June 1987, scored his first goal for the club at Wembley and by the end of the season had played in 55 League games. This season he's missed just a couple of games and scored his first League goal for The Trotters at Huddersfield in September. **PHIL BROWN** is close to a suspension that would end his everpresent run that has stretched back to the start of last season when he joined the club. Previously Phil had played 217 League games for Hartlepool and 135 for Halifax. **BARRY COWDRILL** began his career with 131 games for West Brom during which time he also had a couple of appearances on loan to Rotherham. He joined Bolton at the start of last season and played in 38 games — this season he's scored his first ever League goals, the first came against Leyton Orient in September and has added two more since. **MARK CAME** is now back in action following the broken leg he sustained here in last season's Littlewoods Cup game. Mark joined the club from Winsford in 1984 and has now passed the 150 League game mark. **MARK WINSTANLEY** has established himself in the first team reckoning after missing just two games last season and two so far this. Mark came up through the youth ranks, made his debut in 1986 and gained the club's Player of the Year award last term. **PAUL HUGHES** is another home grown product. Paul captained the Youth team and made 11 appearances during the promotion season only to miss out completely last term through injury. He's played a couple of games this season. **GARY BROWN** and **DAVE ROBERTS** are two more youngsters waiting for their chance, Gary having joined the club after his apprenticeship at Blackburn and Dave coming through the Bolton ranks.

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STEVE THOMPSON is the inspiration in midfield and the club's longest serving professional. Steve made his debut for the club in November 1982 and by the end of last season had played 243 League games and scored 38 goals. He missed just three games last term and has been an everpresent so far this, scoring five goals in the process. **JULIAN DARBY**, like Steve has come through the ranks and he's been a revelation this season for his goalscoring exploits. Julian missed just two League games last season and though he scored at Wembley his total of 109 League appearances had produced just seven goals — this season he's been an everpresent and has already netted ten times in the League and twice more in Cup matches. Competition for midfield places is fierce however. **ROBBIE SAVAGE** spent six years at Anfield without a League appearance though a loan spell at Wrexham brought ten goals in 27 games. He joined Wanderers in September 1987 after 100 games with Stoke, Bournemouth and Bradford City and by the end of last season had added another 77 to that total. Injury has restricted him to half a dozen this season. **PAUL COMSTIVE** joined the club in September from Burnley for whom he'd scored 17 goals in 82 games. Prior to his spell at Turf Moor Paul had totalled 149 league appearances during his spells with Blackburn, Rochdale, Wigan and Wrexham. **GARY HENSHAW**'s appearances have been limited this season but he's played 52 games in his previous two seasons with the club. Prior to joining Bolton Gary had played 50 games for Grimsby. **STUART STORER** was signed in January 1988 and by the end of last season had played 38 games for the club. Stuart began his career with a single game for Mansfield and then eight for Birmingham before he moved to Everton along with Wayne Clarke. He then played a dozen games on loan to Wigan and has played in two dozen games so far this term. **NICKY BROOKMAN** joined the club as a youngster after spells with Newport, Aston Villa and Wrexham. He made his League debut in April 1987 and had played 55 games by the end of last season — this season he's made several appearances as a substitute. **NICKY SPOONER** has had his first taste of League action as a substitute this season whilst **NEIL FISHER** is waiting for his chance.

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It's all change up front this term with the arrival of **TONY PHILLISKIRK** and **DAVID REEVES** in the summer. Tony began his career with 20 goals in 80 games for Sheffield United before he joined Oldham in July 1988. One goal in ten games was followed by a £50,000 move to Preston last February and his short stay at Deepdale brought another six goals in 14 games. This season Tony has netted 12 League and six Cup goals. David is of course the brother of our Alan. David Joined Sheffield Wednesday in 1986 but his first taste of League action came during two loan spells at Scunthorpe which produced six goals in ten games and one at Burnley, eight goals in sixteen games. Last season he scored twice in 17 games for Wednesday, this season he's scored eleven in the League and three in the Cups. **IAN STEVENS** had brief spells with Preston and Stockport before joining Bolton in 1987 from non-League Lancaster. Last season Ian scored five goals in 21 games taking his club tally to seven in 38 but proved to be prolific at reserve team level with 20 goals in just 18 games. **MIKE JEFFREY** is rated as an exciting prospect so much so that he was signed on professional forms before his Y.T.S. stint had ended. He made his debut last March and played in nine games in all and has appeared just once this term. The latest addition to the squad is something of a surprise — **SCOTT GREEN** cost £50,000 when he moved from Derby though he's yet to play League football!

NOTE: Wanderers have recently signed the experienced midfielder **JOHN GREGORY** until the end of the season. John has recently had a spell as manager at both Portsmouth and Plymouth but has vast experience as a player with Northampton, Aston Villa, Brighton, QPR, Derby and England.

FACTS & FIGURES

It was seen as something of a tragedy when Bolton were relegated to Division Three in 1971, relegation was nothing new – they'd sampled it five times in 65 years – but, during that period, they had only spent seven seasons outside the top flight! Indeed, prior to dropping into the Second Division, some seven years earlier, The Trotters had enjoyed a spell of 22 seasons in Division One. That much-coveted top-flight status was briefly regained in the mid 70's, but the 80's have been nothing short of disastrous, culminating in Fourth Division football for season 1986-87. Burnden Park has been alive again for the past 12 months however and glory days could again be on the way.

The club was founded back in 1874 by pupils and teachers of Christ Church Sunday School, as rivals to a local village from Turton. The team, not surprisingly, played under the name of Christ Church F.C. and even in those early days had a strict code of discipline – players were fined tuppence for swearing and sixpence for failing to play when selected! Their present title was adopted in 1877 when they had to seek alternative accommodation after a disagreement with the Vicar and despite upsetting the powers that be, success wasn't far away!

In 1878, Wanderers were Founder Members of the Lancashire F.A. and 10 years later were Founder Members again, this time of the Football League. Despite their recognition as an established First Division side, the closest that Bolton have come to lifting the coveted Championship was in finishing third, a feat they achieved on three occasions in 1891-92, 1920-21 and 1924-25. Despite never finishing on top of the pile, Wanderers took great pride in the fact that they enjoyed a reputation not only for producing good players, but keeping them – in 1958 they reached the F.A. Cup Final and paraded a team which didn't cost a single transfer fee. Players such as David Jack, Joe Smith, Nat Lofthouse and Eddie Hopkinson, to name but four, are legends. However, the abolition of the maximum wage in 1961 hit Bolton badly, as increased wage demands added to the problems of a club already competing in one of the most competitive football areas in Britain. The players were still produced: Francis Lee, Freddie Hill and Wyn Davies amongst them but they soon moved on and Bolton's fortunes floundered.

They may never have been First Division Champions but Wanderers did find success in the F.A. Cup. Their first Final appearance was at Goodison Park in 1894,

when they were beaten 4-1 by Notts County, 10 years later they lost to a disputed goal against Manchester City. Between 1923 – the first Wembley Final – and 1929 however, they were victorious on three occasions and didn't even concede a goal, as they saw off West Ham, Manchester City and Portsmouth. To add to the glamour and romance of the competition, no fewer than five players – Pym, Haworth, Seddon, Nuttall and Butler – appeared in all three. There was then the small matter of the "Matthews Final" when another win seemed assured, when Bolton led 3-1 with just 10 minutes to go, only to be denied at the last. There was to be no denying Bolton in 1958 when they visited the twin towers again to beat Manchester United! Wembley beckoned again last season of course – The Sherpa Van Trophy may not be the F.A. Cup but at least it gave the current fans a glimpse of what their fathers and grandfathers enjoyed!

CITY v. THE TROTTERS

LEAGUE	W	D	L	F	A
Home	0	2	0	0	0
Away	1	1	1	2	2
League Cup	2	0	2	6	5
F.A. Cup	0	1	1	1	2
Freight Rover	1	0	0	2	1
Group Cup	0	0	1	1	2

RECENT LEAGUE MEETINGS

At Sealand Road	
1 April, 1989	0-0
7 May, 1987	0-0
At Burnden Park	
21 Oct., 1989	0-1
17 Dec., 1988	1-0
25 Oct., 1986	1-1

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THE TROTTERS IN THE '80's

Season	Div.	Pos	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
1988-89	3	10	46	16	16	14	58	54	64
1987-88	4	3	46	22	12	12	66	42	78
1986-87	3	21	46	10	15	21	46	58	45
1985-86	3	18	46	15	8	23	54	68	53
1984-85	3	17	46	16	6	24	69	75	54
1983-84	3	10	46	18	10	18	56	60	64
1982-83	2	22	42	11	11	20	42	61	44
1981-82	2	19	42	13	7	22	39	61	46
1980-81	2	18	42	14	10	18	61	66	38

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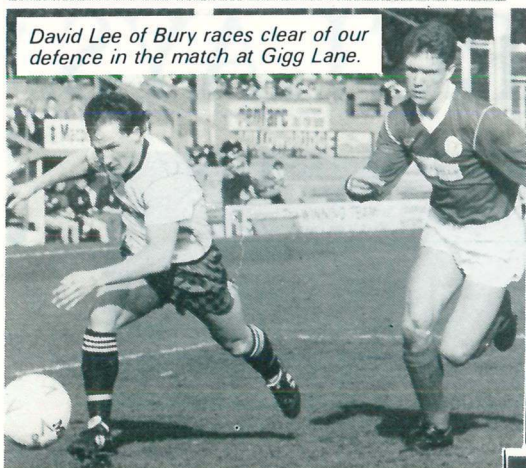
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As I clamber over Marcher Sound's Marc Gaier, stick my foot in the back of Radio Merseyside's Neil Turner, crack my knee on that steel girder and stumble out of the Press Box door on my way to the after-match

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interview with Harry McNally, I can't help wondering if a change of ground may not be such such a bad thing after all!



As I grope my way down the steps in the dark 45 minutes later, duties finally over for the night and find that some kind soul has locked the stand doors, I am convinced that a change of ground is definitely now not such a bad idea after all!

Okay, so that's a frivolous way of looking at the most serious crisis in the history of Chester City Football Club, but if we are forced to accept at last that City are on the move we may as well look on the bright side.

Things would never be the same, of course, but nothing is for ever and who knows, a change of scene may usher in a bright new era for Chester City. The club has had its moments at Sealand Road, of course. Who will forget those epic games in 1974-75 which ended with a League Cup semi-final at Villa Park and promotion for the first time to Division Three?

Ironically, most of Sealand Road's highlights were pre-the new grandstand, which has proved to be such a millstone around the club's neck.

Somehow, there seemed to be a more homely atmosphere about the place in those days. The fans were closer to the pitch and, because it was smaller, the stand was full more often.

If plans for the new stadium ever come to fruition there are lessons to be learned. Fortunately, the Taylor Report will make sure that the fans are the number one priority. Their safety and comfort are paramount.

But, first, the club has to survive the temporary move to Maine Road or wherever. This is the crucial period when we will see who the real fans are. It is asking a lot to expect supporters to travel up to 40 miles to see a "home" game. Forget the curious spectator who lives near Chester's temporary home. He will not be at their new ground if, and when, they move back to Chester.

Let's face it anywhere further than Wrexham would be stretching loyalty too far. A rainy day in Chester is enough to deter many casual supporters from a trip to Sealand Road, so it is pie in the sky to expect fans to travel as far as Manchester on a cold, winter's night in January.

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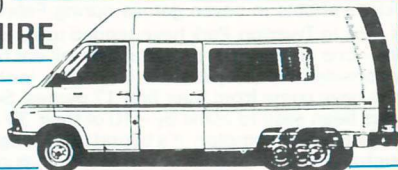
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HOME & AWAY

HOME: Despite finishing just above the relegation places last season, Northampton Town started the current campaign in optimistic mood, with a new Chairman at the helm and a popular Manager in Graham Carr. All that has turned sour in recent months however, culminating in a demonstration against both men after the recent defeat by Tranmere.

Just two seasons ago, The Cobblers had missed the play-offs by just one place and, last season, they started in good form and topped the League by mid-September. A 4-0 home defeat against Sheffield United, followed by a Littlewoods Cup exit against Charlton, this due to a disputed penalty, started a slide however. To make matters worse, Russell Wilcox, the skipper and his stand-in Martin Singleton, both became long-term injury victims, whilst another established first teamer, Graham Reed, was forced to retire through injury. New players came in the shape of Paul Flexney, Andy Blair, Steve Berry, Mick Bodley, Wayne Williams, Trevor Quew and Darren Collins and obviously this caused some disruption to team understanding.

Having signed so many new men, Town started this season with the squad that ended last and early results weren't too bad. After a couple of months however, the transfer activity started again with goalscorers Tony Adcock and Paul Culpin moving on to Bradford City and Peterborough respectively. Mick Bodley moved on to join Barnet and, in all, those three moves brought the club £250,000. Some of the cash was spent – Bobby Barnes arrived from Bournemouth for £70,000, Irvin Gernon from Reading for £25,000, Phil Chard from Wolves for £50,000 and David Scope from Blyth Spartans for £7,000 – Barnes made an immediate impact, scoring six goals in seven games but results were inconsistent for a while, until a run of 14 games in Cup and League produced just two defeats and included a fine 1-0 success against Coventry. That run included their 1-0 success against us, a victory which was unimpressive and which, ironically, was their last League success (prior to last weekend) – a run of 10 games which has produced six draws and four defeats. Coupled with this fruitless League spell, The Cobblers have also gone out of both the Leyland-Daf and F.A. Cups to Fourth Division opposition in Southend and Rochdale.

Goalscoring has proved to be a problem recently, with just eight coming in those recent 10 games. Moves have been made to strengthen the squad but, surprisingly, it is central defender, Steve Terry, that has arrived in exchange for £75,000. That move has led to central defender Russell Wilcox trying his hand as a makeshift striker! The moves haven't ended there however and, as the deadline approaches, midfielder Dean Thomas has moved on to Notts County for £175,000, though striker Phil Stant refused the opportunity to move in the opposite direction.

Just a couple of seasons ago, The Cobblers came here and won 5-0, but overall we have the edge in previous encounters at Sealand Road with eight wins and four draws from 16 games. Most of those games have been attractive ones with Northampton liking to play football, so, let's hope it's the same on 14th April.

AWAY: Bristol Rovers must be an inspiration to any club struggling along on low gates and without money to buy players. Apart from not having a ground of their own, The Pirates kicked off last season without a reserve team and without a training ground, both abandoned for economic reasons. Manager Gerry Francis couldn't strengthen his 16 man squad and indeed his ambition was for the club to avoid relegation yet, when the dust had settled on the campaign, Rovers had come so close to gaining a place in Division Two.

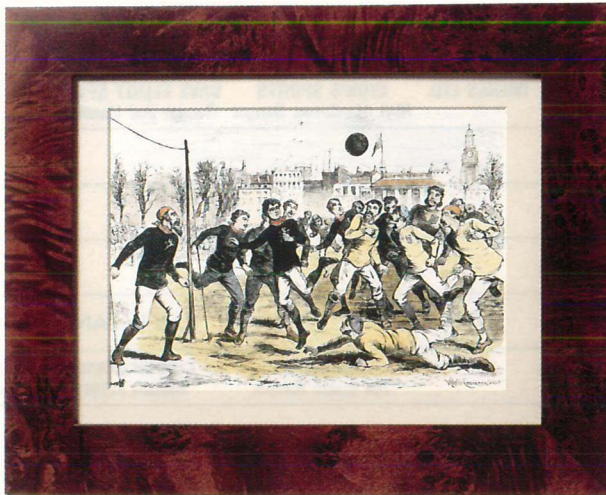
Goalscoring came easy to Rovers last term and yet, ironically, it was failure to score in any of their final four League matches that cost The Pirates an automatic play-off place. Goals returned as they demolished Fulham 5-0 in the Semi-Final of the play-offs but it was Port Vale who edged through to the Second Division at Rovers expense and an aggregate score of 2-1. Much of Rovers success was down to the scoring exploits of Garry Penrice and the abilities of England Under 21 keeper Nigel Martyn at the other end.

Gerry Francis quite naturally became a target for managerless clubs but, perhaps surprisingly, opted to stay with Rovers for the new campaign but though gates had increased by 40% over last season, money still wasn't freely available. The season started, therefore, with basically last season's squad, plus free transfer men Peter Cawley and Ian Hazell from Wimbledon but, nevertheless, they started where they had left off. The first 18 games in the League brought just one defeat, 1-0 at Bolton and since that time only three more games have been lost. Of considerable significance however is the fact that their current status as genuine promotion challengers has been maintained, despite the sale of those two star men, Gary Penrice to Watford and Nigel Martyn to Crystal Palace. The two "aces" have been replaced with the arrival of Carl Saunders from Stoke and Brian Parkin coincidentally from Palace. Saunders has already started to repay his £70,000 fee with a double strike against Walsall and a hat-trick against Wigan. Whilst at the other end, Parkin has kept six clean sheets in seven games during February and early March.

Our trips to Twerton Park have tended to be eventful affairs and, as yet, we have failed to register a victory there – one draw and two defeats are all we have to show for our efforts. Our task looks even harder when you consider that they are the only team in the division to remain unbeaten at home, 10 wins and seven draws have come from their first 17 games. Some consolation can be found however in that goals haven't always been easy to come by – 10 of their 30 have been scored in just two games, 6-1 against Wigan and 4-2 against Northampton. It's bound to be tough but anything can happen, it's a nice part of the country and, though the trip is long, it can be worth making, so why not come along next Saturday?

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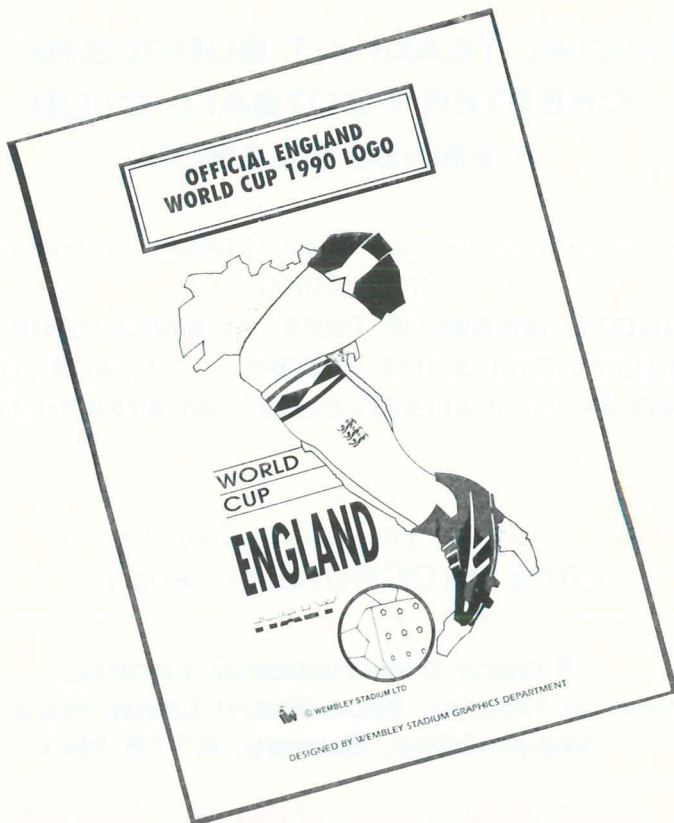
The design, based on the shape of a map of Italy, was specially created by Wembley Stadium Graphics Department and follows on from Wembley Stadium Limited signing an exclusive three-year agreement with the Football Association, to license the England Team Crest for a whole range of products.

The large range of official souvenirs starts from just 70p and includes official Tee-Shirts, Sweatshirts, wristbands, mugs, key-rings and badges as well as those splendid inflatable legs.

Some of the products will be available from strictly limited outlets such as Club shops, Wembley's own merchandise units at events and through Wembley Mail Order, while many others will be appearing in major retail outlets throughout the country later in March.

England Manager, Bobby Robson has taken a keen interest in all aspects of preparation for the World Cup and says, "It is important for England that the image associated with the team is a positive one and that fans buying official merchandise are offered good value for money.

"I cannot stress too highly that fans should not buy the unauthorised products that will inevitably be sold. Not only are they sometimes of poor quality, but they also represent the type of image with which both myself and the players would not want to wish to be associated."



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PROGRAMME PARADE

Today we take a look at the programme from our first-ever League visit to Birmingham City last Saturday. The programme contains 32 pages, the colour cover consisting of a player in City's colours with a large blue and white football, the cover being completed with a black and white action photograph from a previous game.

Manager Dave Mackay explains how the transfer deadline has past without any players coming or going to St. Andrews. Mackay feels that this is a silly part of the season as regards transfer fees adding that costs of transfers normally rise around this time of the year. Director Ken Wheldon wrote an article entitled "From the Boardroom" in which he thanked the supporters for their encouragement at Northampton in the previous game, adding that Birmingham were once again on course for the play-offs (it's a good job it had been written before Saturday's game!). He went on to explain how the budget would help football clubs to finance ground improvements needed after the Taylor Report.

Mr. Wheldon concluded by saying that he was in his twentieth year in football and had saved two clubs (Walsall and Birmingham) from extinction, he added that his other interest was horse racing and that he had recently had his 260th winner (not quite sure what that had to do with the game).

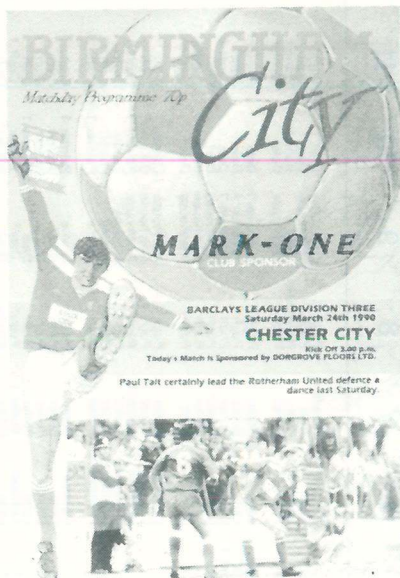
The visitors section contained four pages, the first looking at our club history followed by a review of this season so far and a look at Harry McNally on page two. The other visitors' pages were devoted to pen-pictures and a team picture. Upon reading the pen-pictures however, I have an idea that they were "cribbed" from the Walsall programme a few weeks ago — which incidentally was printed by the same printers!

"Memorable Matches" looked back to 25th April 1942, when we played Birmingham in a friendly during the War years, the game resulted in a 3-3 draw here at the Stadium. Ex-City favourite Peter Henderson was the subject of the "Blues Interview". Peter, is now the Physio at St. Andrews and the interview explained how he came into the game, giving a brief look at his playing career before explaining how he became involved in the Physiotherapy side of the game.

Elsewhere in the programme "Soccer Round-up" looked at results in the Third Division with a brief look at the other Divisions in the League.

Charlie Bamforth in his "In Touch" article looked at the magic of the F.A. Cup, in fact the writer had followed the Cup right from the qualifying rounds when Skelmersdale United had took on Curzon Ashton. The article took a good look at the Cup so far this season, concluding that "If ever a team had its name on the Cup, surely this season it must be Manchester United"!

The programme contained a great deal of reading material on top of what we have looked at, including a programme review, Reserve Report, Past Programmes and Back Track — which looked at games ten, twenty and thirty years ago. The remaining pages were made up with stats and photos with only six pages containing adverts. All in all, the programme provided good value for money at 70p.



STATS 2

MIDLAND SENIOR LEAGUE

FIXTURES 1989-90

Aug	23 Wed	Wrexham	1-3
Aug	30 Wed	Scarborough	0-2
Sept	6 Wed	Birmingham City	1-1
Sept	13 Wed	Bury	0-4
Sept	20 Wed	Lincoln City	1-0
Sept	25 Mon	Halifax Town	3-0
Oct	4 Wed	Chesterfield	1-3
Oct	9 Mon	Northampton T.	1-3
Oct	16 Mon	Peterborough U.	0-5
Nov	1 Wed	Shrewsbury T.	2-2
Nov	8 Wed	Stockport C.	2-0
Nov	15 Wed	Shr'sbury T. (L.Cup)	1-3
Nov	22 Wed	Hartlepool U.	2-0
Nov	29 Mon	Walsall	0-1
Dec	5 Tues	Lincoln	2-1
Dec	12 Tues	Chesterfield	
Jan	3 Wed	Wrexham	0-5
Jan	9 Tues	Scarborough	
Jan	19 Fri	Stockport County	1-3
Jan	30 Tues	Hartlepool United	0-0
Feb	7 Wed	Tranmere Rovers	
Feb	14 Wed	Peterborough U.	
Feb	21 Wed	Nottingham F.	1-6
Feb	28 Wed	Shrewsbury Town	
Mar	7 Wed	Bury	0-1
Mar	13 Tues	Tranmere Rovers	1-3
Mar	27 Tues	Walsall	
Apr	4 Wed	Halifax Town	
Apr	11 Wed	Birmingham City	
Apr	16 Mon	Lincoln City	
Apr	25 Wed	Northampton T.	

APPEARANCES/GOALS 1989-90

	League	L'woods Cup	Leyland Dal' Cup	F.A. Cup
GRAHAM ABEL	33(5)	2	4	3(1)
GRAHAM BARROW	21(1)			1-2
BARRY BUTLER	35(4)	2	5	3(1)
BRIAN CROFT	33-3(3)	1	4-1	3(1)
CARL DALE	19-4(3)	2	2	2
MICHAEL DANZEY	+2			
ROSS GREER	2	1	1	1
DAVID HAMILTON	20-2(1)		4	3
MICHAEL HAYDE	+1			
JOE HINNIGAN	16-1(1)	1-1	1	
KEVIN HULME	4			
MARTIN LANE	32	2	5	3
CHRIS LIGHTFOOT	30-2(1)		3-1(2)	2-1
SEAN LUNDON	5-6(2)	+1	3	
DEREK NASSARI	+1			
AIDAN NEWHOUSE	15-3(4)	2	2-2(1)	+1
EAMONN O'KEEFE	11-2			
ROBERT PAINTER	18-8(4)	1	2-2	3(1)
NEIL PARSLEY	6			
DAVID PUGH	26-4(2)	2	3	2-1
ALAN REEVES	27-2(1)	1-1	2	1
KARL SENIOR	+1			
BILLY STEWART	38	2	5	3
COLIN WOODTHORPE	38(1)	2	5	3
DARREN WYNNE	+5			

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THIRD DIVISION

	HOME	AWAY
	P W D L F A	P W D L F A
Bristol C	34 11 3 22 11 10	3 4 28 14 69
Tranmere	36 12 3 23 16 8	3 8 26 20 66
Bristol R	34 11 7 0 34 12 7	5 4 15 12 66
Notts C	35 12 4 2 26 12 5	7 5 22 28 60
Bolton W	34 9 5 3 23 14 6	6 5 25 21 56
Rotherham	37 7 6 5 23 19 9	2 8 30 25 56
Huddersfield	36 11 4 3 23 22 4	6 8 19 26 55
Crewe	35 9 5 20 14 6	6 6 25 26 54
Birmingham	36 10 4 3 20 14 4	4 9 16 30 51
Brentford	37 9 2 7 32 27 6	2 11 19 28 49
Reading	34 7 3 25 16 4	7 6 18 23 47
Wigan	36 9 5 24 15 2	8 5 17 25 45
Shrewsbury	38 7 6 4 27 19 4	8 10 8 24 44
Fulham	38 9 6 4 24 20 1	8 10 8 24 44
Chester	36 7 6 5 30 23 3	4 10 16 27 43
Swansea	36 8 5 20 25 3	5 10 15 27 43
L. Orient	36 8 4 6 21 17 3	3 12 18 30 40
Mansfield	35 10 1 7 23 18 2	3 12 11 29 40
Blackpool	35 7 5 6 23 22 2	6 9 15 28 38
Preston	36 8 5 3 20 22 2	3 13 18 43 38
N'hampton	36 5 6 19 23 3	7 6 18 24 36
Cardiff	35 3 7 6 18 24 3	5 6 18 24 36
Walsall	34 3 5 8 12 21 3	5 10 15 30 28

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INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL		
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3. France		
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1. John Beck	7. Port Vale	
2. Leicester	8. Man. City (10-1 v Huddersfield)	
3. Leyton Orient's Brisbane Road	9. Paul Merson	
4. Mo Johnston	10. Gillingham and Dartford (Maidstone play at Dartford)	
5. Southport		
GENERAL SPORT		
1. Ricky Elcock	6. David Feherty	
2. Marcus Adam, John Regis and Ade Malle	7. Hockey	
3. Commanderie Run	8. Greg Lemon	
4. Armin Nelson	9. Armin Nelson	
5. Castledford	10. 21 feet	

LANCASHIRE LEAGUE - DIV. TWO

FIXTURES 1939-30				
Aug	19 Sat	Manchester U. "B"	4-2	
Aug	26 Sat	Carlisle Utd. "A"	1-7	
Sept	2 Sat	Preston N.E. "B"	2-5	
Sept	9 Sat	Blackburn R. "B"	1-5	
Sept	16 Sat	Crewe Alex. "B"	2-2	
Sept	23 Sat	Marine Youth	3-2	
Sept	30 Sat	Oldham Ath. "B"	1-4	
Oct	7 Sat	Wigan Ath. "B"	1-4	
Oct	14 Sat	Blackpool "A"	1-4	
Oct	21 Sat	Bury "A"	2-2	
Oct	28 Sat	Stockport "A"	2-2	
Nov	4 Sat	Everton "B"	3-2	
Nov	11 Sat	Tranmere "B"		
Nov	18 Sat	Liverpool "B"	2-2	
Nov	25 Sat	Carlisle Utd. "A"	0-5	
Nov	29 Sat	Preston (Cup)	0-1	
Dec	6 Sat	Manchester Utd. "B"	1-1	
Dec	13 Sat	Blackburn R. "B"	3-2	
Dec	20 Sat	Preston N.E. "B"	3-1	
Dec	27 Sat	Marine Youth	2-1	
Jan	3 Sat	Crewe Alex. "B"	2-2	
Jan	10 Sat	Wigan Ath. "B"		
Jan	17 Sat	Oldham Ath. "B"		
Feb	3 Sat	Bury "A"	1-3	
Feb	10 Sat	Blackpool "A"	0-1	
Feb	17 Sat	Everton "B"	1-1	
Feb	24 Sat	Tranmere "B"	0-7	
Mar	3 Sat	Liverpool "B"		
Mar	10 Sat	Liverpool "B"		

The Teams

CHESTER CITY

Blue/White

BILLY STEWART

BARRY BUTLER

COLIN WOODTHORPE

CHRIS LIGHTFOOT

GRAHAM ABEL

MARTIN LANE

GARY BENNETT

GRAHAM BARROW

CARL DALE

DAVID PUGH

BRIAN CROFT

DAVID REEVES

ROBERT PAINTER

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BOLTON W.

Red/White

DAVE FELGATE

PHIL BROWN

BARRY COWDRILL

PAUL COMSTIVE

DEAN CROMBIE

MARK WINSTANLEY

STUART STORER

STEVE THOMPSON

DAVID REEVES

TONY PHILLISKIRK

JULIAN DARBY

SCOTT GREEN

JOHN GREGORY



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